

House File 622 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring a rehabilitation plan and a postincarceration
2 plan for an inmate committed to the custody of the Iowa
3 department of corrections.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 904.502A Rehabilitation plan and
2 postincarceration plan.

1 1. The superintendent of an institution shall, within six
2 months after the commitment or entrance of an inmate to an
3 institution under the jurisdiction of the department, develop
4 an individualized written plan and timeline for each inmate
5 directed toward the rehabilitation of the inmate and preparing
6 the inmate to live outside of the institution. The plan shall
7 include but is not limited to an assessment of the inmate's
8 needs in the following areas:

11 *a.* Academic educational needs.

12 *b.* Career and job training needs.

13 *c.* Substance use disorder treatment needs.

14 d. Mental health or mental illness treatment needs,
15 including cognitive behavioral therapy designed to help the
16 inmate change the patterns of behavior that led to the inmate's
17 criminal activity.

18 2. Within six months of an inmate's potential release from
19 an institution, the superintendent shall assist each inmate
20 in preparing a postincarceration plan to include but not be
21 limited to all of the following:

22 a. Workforce training including employment preparation
23 skills such as job readiness and job search techniques.

24 *b.* Empathy and victim impact training.

25 c. A plan for securing housing and work upon the inmate's
26 release.

27 d. Arranging substance use disorder treatment and mental
28 health services upon the inmate's release.

29	EXPLANATION
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30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 This bill requires the superintendent of each institution
33 under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections to
34 prepare a rehabilitation plan and a postincarceration plan for
35 each inmate committed to the custody of the Iowa department of

1 corrections.

2 The bill provides that the superintendent of each Iowa
3 department of corrections institution shall, within six
4 months after the commitment or entrance of an inmate to
5 an institution, develop an individualized written plan and
6 timeline for each inmate directed toward the rehabilitation
7 of the inmate and preparing the inmate to live outside of the
8 institution. The plan shall include but is not limited to
9 an assessment of the inmate's needs in the following areas:
10 academic educational, career and job training, substance
11 use disorder treatment, and mental health or mental illness
12 treatment including cognitive behavioral therapy designed to
13 help the inmate change the patterns of behavior that led to
14 criminal activity.

15 The bill provides that within six months of an inmate's
16 potential release from an institution, the superintendent shall
17 assist each inmate in the preparation of a postincarceration
18 plan to include but not be limited to workforce training
19 including employment preparation skills such as job readiness
20 and job search techniques, empathy and victim impact training,
21 securing housing and work upon the inmate's release, and
22 arranging substance use disorder treatment and mental health
23 services upon the inmate's release.